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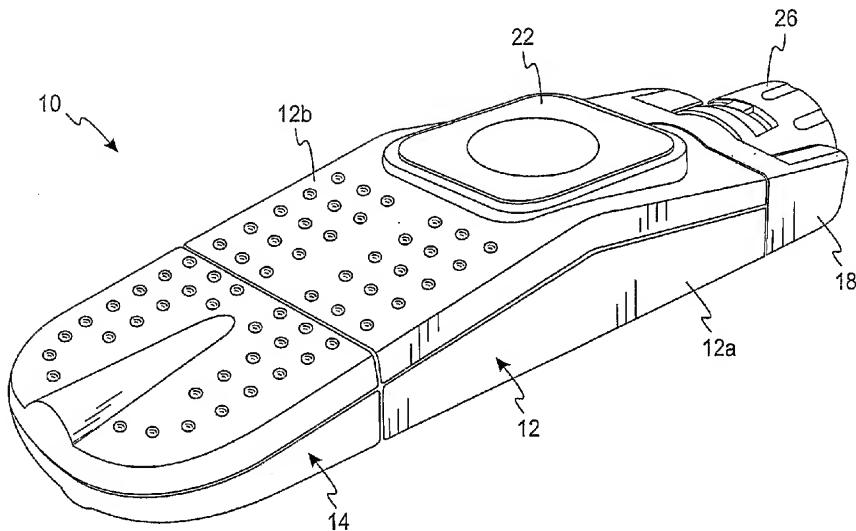
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(57) Abstract: A lancing device (10) is disclosed that includes a main housing (12) having an internal surface enclosing a portion of a lancing mechanism. The lancing mechanism includes a lancet holder (36) attached to a shaft (38) and a drive spring (42) surrounding a portion of the shaft (38). The lancing device (10) also includes a movable housing (14) adjacent the main housing(12). The moveable housing (14) has an internal surface enclosing a portion of the shaft (38) of the lancing mechanism. The enclosed portion of the shaft (38) has a retainer (40) and a secondary spring(46) surrounding at least a section of the shaft (38). The secondary spring (46) is adapted to move the movable housing (14) from a cocking position to a resting position. The secondary spring (46) is further adapted to move the lancing mechanism from a puncture position to a resting position.

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